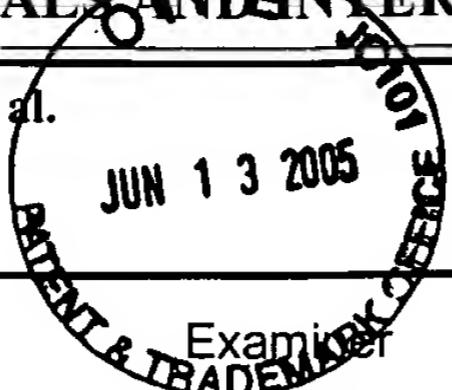


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Docket No.
SHL.0102US

In Re Application Of: Mark C. Duhon et al.



Application No. 09/871,240	Filing Date 05-30-2001	Examiner Jennifer H. Gay	Customer No. 21906	Group Art Unit 3672	Confirmation No. 8266
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Invention: Expandable Elements

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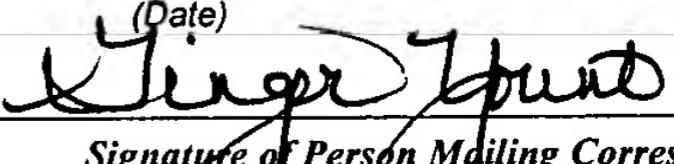
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